

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 12, 17, 20, 23, and 24 to read as follows (a marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached).

1. (Amended) A print apparatus which forms a color image by applying ink materials of plural colors onto a print medium, using a recording means having a plurality of nozzles to eject ink materials, said apparatus comprising:  
a scanner to scan the recording means in forward scanning and backward scanning directions, wherein said scanner scans along an arrangement direction of the plurality of nozzles;  
a controller to control a movement of the recording head in the forward scanning and the backward scanning directions; and  
a print controller to control the printing by means of said plurality of nozzles,  
wherein said print controller controls the symmetric ejection order of a plurality of colors from said plurality of nozzles onto a pixel area to form a secondary color.

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7. (Amended) The print apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said recording head comprises recording elements for applying at least ink materials of cyan, magenta, and yellow, wherein, with respect to a recording element corresponding to either a certain color, the recording elements corresponding to the other colors are located in

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symmetry in the scanning direction.

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12. (Amended) The print apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the ink materials of the plural colors applied to said pixel area are applied by plural scans in forward and backward scanning directions of said recording head.

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17. (Amended) A print apparatus which forms a color image by applying ink materials of plural colors onto a print medium using a recording means having a plurality of nozzles to eject ink materials, said apparatus comprising,

a scanner to scan the recording means in forward scanning and backward scanning directions, wherein said scanner scans along an arrangement direction of the plurality of nozzles;

a controller to control a movement of the recording head in the forward scanning and the backward scanning directions; and

a print controller to control the printing by means of said plurality of nozzles,

wherein said print controller controls the symmetric ejection order of a plurality of colors from said plurality of nozzles onto a pixel area to form a process color.

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20. (Amended) A print method which forms a color image by applying ink materials of plural colors onto a print medium using a recording means having a plurality of nozzles to eject ink materials, said method comprising the following steps:

scanning the recording means in forward scanning and backward scanning directions, wherein the scanning is performed along an arrangement direction of the plurality of nozzles;

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controlling a movement of the recording head in the forward scanning and the backward scanning directions; and

controlling the printing by means of the plurality of nozzles, wherein, in said printing control step, the printing controls the symmetric ejection order of a plurality of colors from the plurality of nozzles onto a pixel area to form a secondary color.

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22. (Amended) A print method which forms a color image by applying ink materials of plural colors onto a print medium using a recording means having a plurality of nozzles to eject ink materials, said method comprising the following steps:

scanning the recording means in forward scanning and backward scanning directions, wherein the scanning is performed along an arrangement direction of the plurality of nozzles;

controlling a movement of the recording head in the forward scanning and the backward scanning directions; and

controlling the printing by means of the plurality of nozzles, wherein, in said printing control step, the printing controls the symmetric ejection order of a plurality of colors from the plurality of nozzles onto a pixel area to form a process color.

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23. (Amended) The print method according to Claim 22, wherein said recording head comprises two sets of recording elements for applying the ink material of said certain color and recording elements for applying the ink material of said another color arranged in symmetry in the scanning direction, and

wherein said scanning step is performed by the recording head.